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## **2014 Class of Licensed Consultants advances Standards for Excellence mission**

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The Delaware Alliance for Nonprofit Advancement and The Standards for Excellence Institute recently announced the Delaware 2014 Class of Licensed Consultants. Having recently completed an intensive, three-day training, class members are now licensed in every aspect of the Standards for Excellence program and are capable of assisting nonprofits nationwide.

The 2014 Class of Licensed Consultants members working in Delaware include Carol Goertzel of Rehoboth and Mark Thorn of Owings, Md. and Lewes.

Standards for Excellence licensed consultants use their extensive knowledge of the multifaceted initiative to help nonprofits strengthen their governance practices and satisfy the rising demand for nonprofit accountability. They provide nonprofit organizations with organizational assessments, consulting, training, and assistance in the application process for national Standards for Excellence accreditation.

Licensed consultants may use the Standards for Excellence training curricula and educational materials in all areas where the institute does not have replication partners nationwide. Many licensed consultants will also use these resources in partnership with licensed replication partners.

Rob Levit, a new licensed consultant based in Annapolis, Md., said, "As a nonprofit leader and consultant, I have always sought an authoritative and objective resource to use with organizations and clients. So, when the opportunity arose to become a licensed consultant through the Standards for Excellence Institute, I jumped at the opportunity. In addition to the repository of benchmarks, educational materials and well-designed templates that the training provided, I was able to meet other like-minded leaders and consultants with a heart and desire to serve the nonprofit community. It is both the thought leadership provided by the Standards for Excellence Institute and the camaraderie forged among colleagues that made the licensed consultant program one of the best professional development experiences I have ever had. I am 100 percent confident that my consulting work will be more effective, have more depth and reach more organizations as a result of the program."

Heather Iliff, president and CEO of the Standards for Excellence Institute, said, "We are thrilled to welcome this prestigious group into our licensed consultant fold. This year's class was our largest ever, coming at a time when the program is growing and expanding by leaps and bounds. More than ever, nonprofits are looking to live by these best practices in nonprofit management and governance."

The Licensed Consultant Program has grown each year since its inception in 2006. A full list of consultants can be found on the institute's website.

In addition to the 2014 class, licensed consultants already working in Delaware include Melissa Flynn of Rehoboth Beach.

The Standards for Excellence Institute will offer the next Licensed Consultant Program in the fall 2015. For information on applying to participate, complete the online request for information form.

The institute, an operating division of Maryland Nonprofits, uses the Standards for Excellence program as its vehicle for effective change. The Standards for Excellence program works to help nonprofit

organizations act ethically and accountably in their management and governance, while enhancing the public's trust in the nonprofit sector. To learn more, go to [www.standardsforexcellenceinstitute.org](http://www.standardsforexcellenceinstitute.org).

DANA is the Delaware Replication Partner for the Standards for Excellence Institute. As the leader of the nonprofit sector, DANA's mission is to strengthen, enhance, and advance nonprofits and the sector in Delaware through advocacy, training, capacity building, and research. For more information, go to [www.DelawareNonprofit.org](http://www.DelawareNonprofit.org).